

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of )  
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Amendment A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2006 please consider the following remarks.